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1. In accordance with the principles of the 33rd Plenum of the Central Committee of the SED, egg production is to be raised in East Germany. This will be achieved by following Soviet methods, whereby chickens are confined to cages (not allowed to run free) and fed only artificial feed.

2. Synthetic sausage casings manufactured by VEB Agfa-Wolfen, which at present are being delivered to Poland and Communist China, have been refused by the packing plants because of poor quality. Despite this, the 1958 production plan calls for the delivery of 120 million meters of synthetic casings to these countries (as opposed to 70 million meters in 1957).

3. A patent has been taken out in East Germany on the manufacture of "naturin" sausage casings which have hitherto been procured in [redacted]. For the present, however, it will be impossible to begin production since all available gelatin is already needed for other purposes, and no funds for the new machinery are available.

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a. Cost calculation sheets on meat products in East Germany, broken down by product and slaughterhouse- Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig, Erfurt and Halle.

b. Cost calculation sheets on meat products - pork, beef, veal, mutton, goat, and animal fats.

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